GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Deployment of Helicopters in Odisha
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to deploy two MI-17 Helicopters in Odisha; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such helicopters are likely to be deployed in Odisha?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (b): There is no such proposal. However, at present, 11 helicopters of the Indian Air Force and the Border Security Force have been deployed to support the security forces in the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected States besides 2 choppers hired by the CRPF. These strategically located helicopters are available for use as per operational requirement in all the LWE affected States including Odisha. In addition, LWE affected States have been permitted to hire helicopter and claiming reimbursement under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme, on need basis. In-principle approval of Rs. 15 crore for need based hiring of weapons/vehicles including helicopters have been given in the annual work plan of the State Government of Odisha under the SRE Scheme for the year 2015-16.
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